STATE V. TRUELOCK, 1962-NMSC-108, 70 N.M. 389, 374 P.2d 141 (S. Ct. 1962)

STATE of New Mexico, Plaintiff-Appellee, vs. John H. TRUELOCK, Defendant-Appellant

No. 7184

SUPREME COURT OF NEW MEXICO

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JUDGES

Carmody, Justice. Chavez and Moise, JJ., concur. Compton, C.J., and Noble, J., not participating.

AUTHOR: CARMODY

OPINION

{*389} {1} The sole question for our determination is whether a conviction for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor was supported by substantial evidence. We see no necessity in reviewing the evidence upon which the trial court, sitting without a jury, found the defendant guilty. Let it suffice to say that we deem the evidence substantial to establish defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Naturally, it was contradicted by the testimony of the defendant and his witnesses, but mere contradiction does not make the State's evidence any less substantial. See, State v.

{*390} Sisneros, 1938, 42 N.M. 500, 82 P.2d 274; City of Albuquerque v. Arias, 1958, 64 N.M. 337, 328 P.2d 593; City of Roswell v. Ferguson, 1959, 66 N.M. 152, 343 P.2d 1040, and many other cases which need not be cited.

{2} The judgment will be affirmed. It is so ordered.